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Exclusive: Morning Consult sat down with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Friday to talk about the future of the Republican government. Read it [here](#).

Week in Review

EPA climate silence

- **Trump administration political staff members are reviewing everything** on the Environmental Protection Agency's website, including public links to data. New work is temporarily on hold.
- The EPA froze all grants and contracts, and a memo told employees to temporarily cut off external communication including press releases and social media posts, the Huffington Post reported.
- EPA employees were directed to take down the agency's webpage on climate change by Wednesday, Reuters reported, though the page remained up as of Friday. The EPA said it will delay 30 regulations, most of which were already published in the Federal Register, until March 21.

Trump signs memoranda on pipelines

- **President Donald Trump signed memorandums** calling on agencies to expedite their reviews of the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines. He also signed a memorandum calling for pipelines to use American-made steel, and an executive order to expedite environmental reviews for infrastructure projects.
- TransCanada Corp. resubmitted its application for the Keystone pipeline.

Committee votes in favor of Tillerson

- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted to confirm former ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson as secretary of State. The full Senate will vote on Tillerson's nomination early next week.

- Multiple reports on climate change disappeared from the State Department website.

Pruitt criticizes Clean Power Plan, stays quiet on climate change details

- Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, nominated to lead the EPA, maintained that the Clean Power Plan is not legal under the Clean Air Act, in a written response to lawmakers. He also sidestepped questions on the effects of climate change.

New FERC and NRC chairs

- Norman Bay resigned as chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after Trump nominated Daniel LaFleur as acting chair, who is seen as more sympathetic to the oil industry.
- Trump chose Kristine Svinicki to lead the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

What's Ahead

- The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will vote on Rep. Ryan Zinke's nomination to lead the Department of the Interior and Rick Perry's nomination to lead the Department of Energy on Tuesday.
- The presidents of the American Petroleum Institute, American Gas Association, National Mining Association, Edison Electric Institute and other industry groups will speak at the U.S. Energy Association's annual forum on Tuesday.
- The House Energy and Commerce Committee's subcommittee on energy will hold a hearing on the electricity sector's response to cybersecurity threats on Wednesday.
- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will vote on Scott Pruitt's nomination to lead the Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday at 10:45 a.m.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

Monday

No events scheduled

Tuesday

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee votes on Zinke, Perry nominations 9:30 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee organizational meeting 10 a.m.

Atlantic Council discussion on Transatlantic energy cooperation 10 a.m.

CSIS discussion on deep decarbonization efforts 10 a.m.

U.S. Energy Association State of the Energy Industry Forum 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

BP energy outlook 9:30 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing on grid security 10:15 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee votes on Pruitt confirmation 10:45 a.m.

Thursday

No events scheduled

Friday

Journalists' guide to energy and environment 3 p.m.

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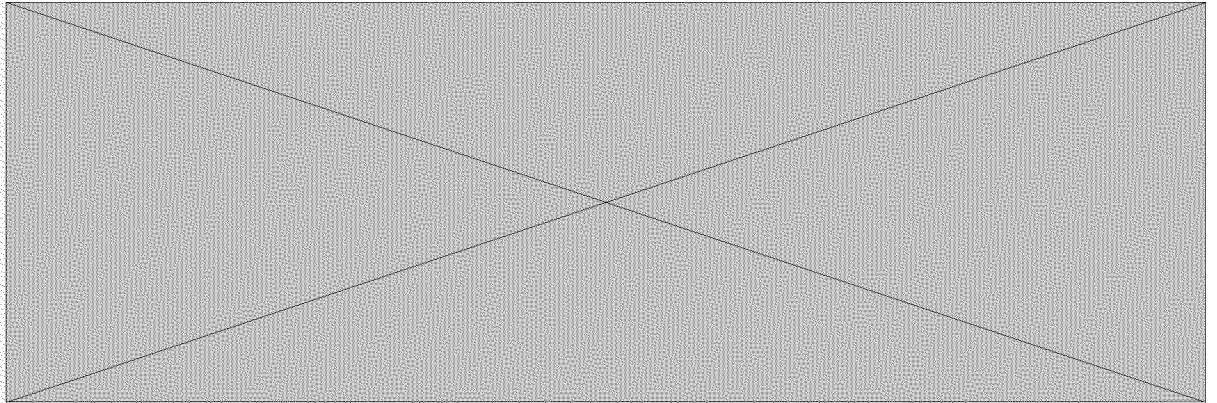
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Andrew Revkin and Jesse Eisinger, ProPublica
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- 3) Ebell proposes slashing staff to Nixon-era levels
Robin Bravender, Greenwire
- 4) EPA science under scrutiny by Trump political staff
Michael Biesecker and Seth Borenstein, The Associated Press
- 5) CDC quietly cancels long-planned climate summit
Scott Waldman, Climatewire
- 6) Trump administration tells EPA to cut climate page from website: sources
Valerie Volcovici, Reuters
- 7) Federal Workers Told To Halt External Communication In First Week Under Trump
Sam Stein and Kate Sheppard, The Huffington Post
- 8) Trump delays dozens of EPA regs
Tim Devaney, The Hill
- 9) Trump Names LaFleur Acting Head of Federal Energy Regulator
Jonathan Crawford, Bloomberg Politics
- 10) Spicer: Trump has not ordered agencies to stop using Twitter

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